

## **IN RECOGNITION OF "NATIONAL CANCER SURVIVORS DAY"**

WHEREAS, there are 8.9 million Americans living with a history of cancer; and

WHEREAS, the five-year survival rate for all cancers combined is expected to be 62 percent; and

WHEREAS, since over 1.2 million new cancer cases will be diagnosed in the U.S. this year, increased access to quality cancer care, screening, and prevention – especially among minorities and the medically underserved – must be a top priority in our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Augusta has an active, productive cancer survivor population, demonstrating that a cancer diagnosis is no longer an automatic death sentence; and

WHEREAS, communities all across North America and elsewhere will be celebrating life on Sunday, June 2, as part of the world's largest cancer survivor event; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the people of Augusta, Georgia, I salute all cancer survivors and those that support them.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim June 2, 2002 to be "CANCER SURVIVORS DAY" in Augusta, Georgia, and urge all citizens to join in this joyous celebration of life.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia to be affixed this 28th day of May 2002.